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1. ...On the growing situation here in Brazil, we may be right back to last August [1954] when Getulio fell. The governor of Minas Gerais, Juscelino Kubitshek, has launched his candidacy for the presidency with the support of the whole Vargas following, or much of it. Meanwhile, the opposition (so far without a strong candidate of their own to agree upon) is putting tremendous pressure on Kubitshek to withdraw in favor of a single "union" candidate, which, of course, would reduce the upcoming October [1955] election to a mere yes or no plebiscite. Even Cafe Filho has spoken up for a "single" candidate; and the armed forces are getting itchy.
2. It is my impression that under no circumstances will the group which ousted Getulio Vargas allow anyone whom it believes to be remotely linked with the Getulistas to come to power, even if it means establishing a military dictatorship.
3. August 24 [1954] was a revolution against a group and a state of political and economic ideas and not just an ouster of an individual. Even Correa da Manha, an old foe of Vargas, has taken a whack at Cafe Filho, charging him with raising sentiments with threats against the spirit of democracy yet committing the same sins which Vargas was guilty of.
4. So far Kubitshek has remained firm.
5. Eugenio Gudin's policies have made him unpopular with many important groups. Cafe Filho is an affable and well meaning man but the real power in the administration is Gen. Juarez Tavora, his chief military aid.
6. Observers of the situation here in Brazil had better be on the alert.

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